

SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

Virginia: At a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Chatham, held in the Chatham Fire Station at 7:00 PM on September 12, 2011.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice Mayor

Council Members: Janet R. Bishop, William P. Black, Roy P. Byrd, Alvin R. Crider, and Andrew D. Wall.

Attorney: Larry Gott.

Councilman Byrd requested an add-on to the agenda of a Resolution to approve Optima as the health insurance provider for Town employees.

Mayor Rogers requested an add-on to the agenda of an addition to the job description of the Town Manager.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Thompson Council approved the agenda including the two additions.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Bishop, Black, Byrd, Crider, Thompson, and Wall.

Town Manager Edmund Giles reported that Kermit Gibson has been contracted to do clean up work at Hillcrest Cemetery.

He said that he had recently attended workshops on economic revitalization and the Freedom of Information Act.

Giles stated that he, the Mayor, and council members will be meeting in the near future with Sartomer and the DEQ concerning the Town processing Sartomer plant waste.

Public Works Director Robert Hanson reported that a number of water and sewer plant employees are participating in career advance training.

Police Chief Marvin Wright said that the updated Police Policy Manual should be ready for Council approval by the November meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer David Cothran said that the audit had gone well and Harris, Harvey, Neal & Co. should have the report ready by November. He said that DMV Stops should be in place within 60-90 days and that the Pitts. Co. Treasurer would be meeting with him to begin the process.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall Council approved the Consent Agenda including all bills and salaries paid and unpaid for the month in the amount of \$233,264.85.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Wall, Thompson, Crider, Byrd, Black, and Bishop.

Chatham Youth League President Ronnie Fowler addressed Council concerning the proposed concession and restroom building to be built at Harris Field. He said that the cost will be approximately \$30k. A breakdown consisted of cash donations \$10k, in-kind donations \$10k, Town of Chatham donation \$10k. The land was perk test approved. He presented an artists conception of the building with no site location. He requested that Council approve construction.

Attorney Gott asked that due to the project being on Town property, do the various contractors construction and general liability insurance.

Mr. Fowler did not know.

Mayor Rogers asked for a plat location of the building site, which Mr. Fowler did not have with him. Rogers requested that Fowler return to a future Council meeting with that information.

Councilman Roy Byrd reported that due to draught conditions the town should consider installing water level monitoring equipment and valves at the dams to aid in emergency conditions. The Water & Sewer Committee will study the issue in further detail.

Councilman Bill Black said that the Comprehensive Plan should be approved at the October Council meeting after the document is reviewed for additions and errors by Attorney Gott and the Ordinance Committee.

Mayor Rogers requested that Council members submit all additions and comments prior to month end to TM Giles.

Councilwoman Janet Bishop said that the Growth & Renewal Committee has met and recommends to Council the selection of McDarmont WWWeb Design to implement a new website for the Town. The cost is \$4,716.00. A 10% discount for payment up front would place the cost at \$4,424.00.

Upon recommendation of the Growth & Renewal Committee Council approved the McDarmond website proposal.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Black, Byrd, Thompson, Bishop, and Crider. Abstain: Wall

TM Edmund Giles informed council that the Beautification Committee had decided to accept a bid from Heath Landscaping to landscape the southern approach to Chatham. This will be the only project for the coming year. The cost will be paid by Chatham First through corporate donations. He estimates that annual upkeep to be approximately \$11k.

Councilwoman Bishop reported to Council that she has received a number of complaints involving deer causing property damage in Town.

Mayor Rogers requested that Council address the issue at a future meeting.

Councilman Black said that the Ordinance Committee has approved a Curfew Ordinance for the Town. He requested that Council approve a Public Hearing on the issue and approve advertising the meeting.

On a motion by Black seconded by Thompson Council approved a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM prior to the October Council meeting as the cost of adverting.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Thompson, Crider, Bishop, Byrd, Wall, and Black.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Thompson Council approved the Town establishing DMV Stops on citizens with delinquent property taxes more than 6 months past due.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Byrd, Bishop, Wall Black, Crider, Thompson.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall Council approved by resolution requesting that the Town of Chatham be allowed to join the health care plan of Pittsylvania County.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Crider, Byrd, Black, Bishop, Thompson, and Wall.

Mayor Rogers thanked Public Works Director Bob Hanson and Water Department Supervisor Rodney Bryant for their excellent job of managing the Town water supply during the current draught.

He informed Council that the job description of Town Manager Edmund Giles has been written to include general supervision of the Police Department.

Having no further business council was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: